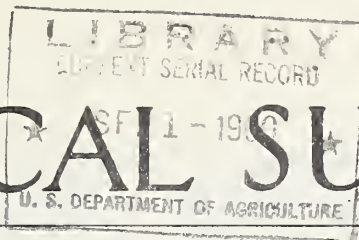


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# STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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## Better Winter Wheat Prospects

Prospects for winter wheat improved during April and the production as of May 1 is estimated at 992 million bushels--7 percent more than last year and 19 percent above average. Abandonment or diversion to other crops has been lighter this year than usual. Yield, indicated at 24.3 bushels per acre, is well above average and second only to the big outturn in 1958.

## Smaller Hay Stocks

Hay stocks on farms May 1, at 17 million tons, were about a third below the huge carryover of a year ago. Sharp reductions were apparent in all regions of the country. Increased livestock numbers, poor winter pastures in the South, and delayed spring forage growth in central and eastern sections forced stockmen to dip heavily into stored supplies.

## Pastures Better Than Last Year; Good Prospects for New Hay Crop

Pasture condition, at 85 percent of normal for the country as a whole is well above both last year and average. Prospects, May 1 for this year's hay crop were 87 percent of normal compared with 83 last year and the average of 85. Prospects were about average or better in all regions except the South Atlantic and South Central.

## Favorable Rye Condition

Rye condition, at 89 percent of normal on May 1, was up 3 points from April 1 and 5 points above a year earlier.

## Good Peach Crop in the South

Peach production in 9 Southern States is indicated at 15.5 million bushels, 4 percent above last year and well above average--only 1 percent below 1958, which was the largest Southern peach crop of recent years.

## California Pears Above Average

The May 1 condition of both Bartletts and other pears was above average, not greatly different from a year ago. Bartletts suffered some frost and hail damage on April 23.

## Above Average Orange Crop, Fewer Grapefruit

Orange production (1959-60 season) is estimated at 129 million boxes, about the same as the previous crop but 9 percent above average. Remaining for harvest May 1 were 41.1 million boxes compared with 43 million a year earlier; 23.2 million boxes were Florida Valencias and 17.3 million were California Valencias.

Grapefruit crop, at 40.8 million boxes, is 7 percent below last year and 5 percent below

average. Remaining for harvest on May 1 were 5.4 million boxes compared with 6.7 million a year earlier.

Lemon crop, at 17.9 million boxes, is 3 percent above last year and 31 percent above average.

## Much of Citrus Crops Processed

Oranges used by processors to May 1 totaled 53.5 million boxes and 34.1 million boxes were used fresh. Of grapefruit, processors had taken 15.4 million boxes, with 20 million going to fresh market. Of lemons, processors had used 6.4 million boxes, fresh market 4.1 million by May 1.

## Big Crop of Sweet Cherries

California's sweet cherry crop, estimated at 33,000 tons, is 12 percent above average but two and one-half times last year's short production.

Oregon's sweet cherry crop is above average but down from the last two seasons; condition of sour cherries in that State is the lowest since 1954.

In Washington sweet cherry condition is below last year but slightly above average, with sour cherries above both last year and average.

In Utah and Colorado, sweet and sour cherries were severely impaired by low temperatures in late April.

## Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average Prices received by farmers		Effective parity prices
	March 15 1960	April 15 1960	Based on data for March 1960
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.) ..... ct.	28.23	28.96	38.76
Wheat (bu.) ..... dol.	1.82	1.82	2.39
Rice (100 lb.) ..... dol.	4.82	4.68	5.98
Corn (bu.) ..... dol.	.999	1.05	1.65
Peanuts (lb) ..... ct.	10.3	10.2	13.0
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Milkfat in cream (lb) ..... ct.	58.9	58.7	74.6
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.) ..... dol.	4.19	<sup>1</sup> 4.00	5.04
Wool (lb.) ..... ct.	<sup>2</sup> 43.2	<sup>2</sup> 44.5	74.9
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.) ..... dol.	.839	.844	1.28
Cottonseed (ton) ..... dol.	39.80	--	67.60
Flaxseed (bu.) ..... dol.	2.81	2.93	3.87
Hay, baled (ton) ..... dol.	22.90	22.50	25.20
Oats (bu.) ..... dol.	.676	.680	.849
Potatoes (cwt.) ..... dol.	2.65	3.15	2.36
Rye (bu.) ..... dol.	.883	.930	1.50
Sorghum, grain (100 lb.) ..... dol.	1.53	1.55	2.52
Soybeans (bu.) ..... dol.	1.99	2.02	2.94
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.) ..... dol.	3.46	3.97	5.56
Oranges, on tree (box) ..... dol.	2.52	2.34	2.16
Apples, for fresh use (bu.) ..... dol.	2.19	2.16	2.51
Beef cattle (100 lb.) ..... dol.	21.80	21.70	23.90
Calves (100 lb.) ..... dol.	25.10	24.80	26.40
Hogs (100 lb.) ..... dol.	15.10	15.50	21.60
Lambs (100 lb.) ..... dol.	20.30	19.90	25.80
Chickens, all (lb.) ..... ct.	17.5	17.2	25.9
Eggs (dozen) ..... ct.	32.3	36.0	46.8

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> Does not include incentive payment to bring season average return to 62 cents per pound.

## Less Plums and Prunes, More Apricots

The California plum crops, forecast May 1 at 80,000 tons, is an average crop but 14 percent below last year. Prune condition, at 72 percent, is 4 points below a year ago.

California apricots, at 230,000 tons, would be up from last year by 10 percent and 30 percent above average.

## Last Year's Tobacco Production (Revised)

The estimate of all types of tobacco produced in 1959 has been revised to 1,797 million pounds--only about 3 million pounds below the estimate released last December. This compares with 1,736 million pounds in 1958.

Flue-cured poundage in 1959, at 1,081 million pounds, is almost the same as in 1958. The 1959 acreage was 693,000 acres; average yield per acre, 1,559 pounds.

Burley production in 1959 totaled 502 million pounds, compared with

466 million in 1958. Acreage in '59 was 301,000 with a record-high average yield of 1,669 pounds per acre.

Maryland, type 32, tobacco is estimated at 32.3 million pounds for 1959, compared with 31.1 million pounds harvested in '58. The 1959 acreage was 38,000 acres; average yield, 850 pounds per acre.

Fire-cured tobacco, produced in 1959 totaled 53.1 million pounds, 23 percent above 1958. Acreage harvested in '59 was 35,200 acres; average yield, 1,508 pounds per acre.

Dark air-cured crop, types 35-37, totaled 21.5 million pounds in '59. This was 20 percent above the previous year but the second smallest crop of record.

Pennsylvania Seedleaf and Miami Valley cigar filler is estimated at 60.3 million pounds for 1959, compared with 53.5 million in 1958. Acreage was 34,900 acres in '59; average per-acre yield, 1,729 pounds.

Cigar binder production is estimated at 28.4 million pounds (7.6 million in Connecticut Valley and about 20.8 million in Wisconsin). This total compared with 27.3 million pounds in 1958. Combined acreage of binder harvested in 1959 is estimated at 18,400 acres and the combined average yield for the two areas was 1,546 pounds.

For cigar wrapper types, production is set at 18.3 million pounds (10.6 million in Connecticut Valley and 7.7 million in the Georgia-Florida areas) compared with a total of 16.6 million pounds in 1958. Harvested acreage of these wrapper types was 13,800 acres in 1959 and the average yield, 1,325 pounds per acre.

## Billion Dollar Tobacco Crop

The 1959 tobacco crop (all types) is valued at 1,044 million dollars, compared with 1,040 million dollars for the 1958 crop. Average price in 1959 was 58.1 cents per pound; 1958 price, 59.9 cents.

## Livestock and Livestock Products

## Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1959		1960		
	April	Yr.	Feb.	Mar.	April
	<i>Mil.</i>	<i>Mil.</i>	<i>Mil.</i>	<i>Mil.</i>	<i>Mil.</i>
Nonfarm employment, (civilian) <sup>1</sup> .....	59.2	59.7	59.9	59.7	60.8
Farm employment .....	7.4	7.4	5.3	6.0	7.2
Family .....	5.7	5.5	4.3	4.8	5.5
Hired .....	1.7	1.9	1.0	1.2	1.6
Index numbers (1947-49 = 100)					
Industrial production <sup>2</sup> .....	162	159	166	165	165
Total personal income payments <sup>3</sup> .....	186	187	193	194	--
Weekly factory earnings <sup>4</sup> .....	167	167	174	173	169
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker <sup>4</sup> .....	170	169	172	172	170
Wholesale prices, all commodities <sup>4</sup> .....	120	120	119	120	120
Farm commodities .....	92	89	87	90	91
Food, processed .....	107	107	106	107	107
Consumer price index <sup>4</sup> .....	124	125	126	126	--
Food .....	118	118	117	118	--
Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)					
Prices received by farmers .....	244	240	233	240	242
Crops .....	223	221	219	222	224
Food grains .....	205	202	208	210	209
Feed grains and hay .....	161	156	153	153	158
Cotton .....	264	264	237	238	244
Tobacco .....	508	504	493	493	493
Oil bearing crops .....	225	219	216	215	216
Fruit .....	210	214	222	228	211
Commercial vegetables .....	261	241	250	251	251
Livestock and products .....	261	255	244	256	257
Meat animals .....	336	312	286	307	310
Dairy products .....	240	254	260	254	246
Poultry and eggs .....	135	142	142	153	163
Prices paid by farmers .....	276	275	276	276	278
All commodities .....	287	289	289	289	291
Used in living .....	269	266	266	267	268
Used in production .....	299	298	299	300	302
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index) .....	620	612	632	632	649
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted ..	82	80	78	80	80
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index) .....	82	80	78	80	80

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of the Census.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Reserve Board.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Commerce.

<sup>4</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Item	Unit	Jan.-Mar. 1959	Jan.-Mar. 1960
<u>Dairy Production</u>			
Milk .....	Bil. lb.	<sup>1</sup> 41.2	<sup>1</sup> 41.7
Evaporated whole milk .....	Mil. lb.	467.0	439.4
Dry Nonfat milk solids (for human food) .....	Mil. lb.	428.1	472.7
Butter, creamery .....	Mil. lb.	345.9	370.2
Cheese, American .....	Mil. lb.	207.9	209.7
Ice cream .....	Mil. gal.	141.6	147.9
<u>Poultry Production</u>			
Eggs .....	Billions	<sup>1</sup> 22.3	<sup>1</sup> 21.5
Poultry meat <sup>2</sup> .....	Mil. lb.	1,133	1,184
Canned poultry .....	Mil. lb.	66.9	80.7
Liquid egg .....	Mil. lb.	174.0	161.8
Dried egg (egg solids) .....	Mil. lb.	13.3	13.2
Frozen egg .....	Mil. lb.	108.0	103.6
Chicks hatched, total <sup>3</sup> .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 1,013.0	<sup>1</sup> 901.2
Chicks hatched, broiler <sup>3</sup> .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 668.3	<sup>1</sup> 668.6
Poults hatched <sup>3</sup> .....			
Heavy breeds .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 34.4	<sup>1</sup> 39.6
Light breeds .....	Millions	<sup>1</sup> 6.6	<sup>1</sup> 3.3
<u>Meat Production<sup>2</sup></u> (dressed weight)			
Beef .....	Mil. lb.	3,102	3,475
Veal .....	Mil. lb.	215	233
Pork .....	Mil. lb.	2,790	2,977
Lamb and mutton .....	Mil. lb.	198	189
Total red meat .....	Mil. lb.	6,305	6,874
<u>Slaughter<sup>2</sup></u>			
Cattle .....	1,000 head	5,292	5,953
Calves .....	1,000 head	1,930	2,001
Hogs .....	1,000 head	20,564	22,128
Sheep and lambs .....	1,000 head	3,922	3,789

<sup>1</sup> January-April.

<sup>2</sup> Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

<sup>3</sup> By commercial hatcheries.



### More Late Spring Potatoes Indicated

The late spring potato crop is estimated at 26.2 million hundredweight--11 percent more than last year and 7 percent above the 10-year average. Most of the increase from last year is due to the larger acreage for harvest.

Early spring crop, at 2.9 million cwt. was down 8 percent from last year. A 16-percent decline in the early spring crop from a month ago was mostly due to poorer outturn in the Hastings area of Florida.

Acreage of early summer potatoes for harvest is placed at 116,400 acres, 1 percent above the 1959 acreage.

### Last Year's Cotton Crop, 14,551,000 Bales

The 1959 cotton crop totaled 14,551,000 bales. This estimate, based on ginnings, was issued by the Crop Reporting Board on May 9. The crop in 1959 topped the relatively small 1958 crop by 26 percent and was 4 percent larger than the 1948-57 average of 14,046,000 bales.

Planted cotton acreage in 1959, was 15,816,000 acres, up 28 percent from 1958. Average yield for the U. S. was 462 pounds of lint cotton per harvested acre, only slightly below the record yield of 466 pounds in 1958, but exceeds the 10-year average yield per acre by 40 percent.

### 4 States Produce Over 9 Million Bales

States producing over a million bales of cotton each in 1959 included Mississippi, 1,568,000 bales; Arkansas, 1,544,000 bales; Texas, 4,416,000 bales, and California, 1,922,000 bales.

For acreage and other production details by States, see Cotton Production report issued May 9 by Crop Reporting Board, AMS, Washington 25, D. C.

### Cottonseed Production About 6 Million Tons

Cottonseed production in 1959 was up sharply from a year earlier, totaling 5,989,000 tons.

### Cotton Crop Valued at \$2.5 Billion

The value of last year's cotton crop, including cottonseed, was 2.5 billion dollars, up \$391 million from 1958. Average price for lint cotton produced in 1959 was 31.4 cents per pound compared with 33.23 cents in 1958. Value of cotton seed alone from the 1959 crop was \$232 million, up 10 percent from the previous year. Growers averaged \$38.80 per ton for cottonseed compared with \$43.80 for their 1958 seed.

### Egg Production Down From Year Ago

The 5,508 million eggs laid in April was a decline of 5 percent from the 5,824 million in April last year. All regions showed decreases except the South Atlantic and the West where estimates were up 4 percent and 3 percent respectively. Egg production from January through April, at 21,477 million eggs, was 4 percent below the same period last year.

Layers totaled 291,646,000 on May 1, down 3 percent from a year ago.

### Milk Output Up 1 Percent

The 11,313 million pounds of milk produced in April is about 1 percent above the output for

both April 1958 and 1959 but slightly below record high for the month reached in 1957. Output in the first 4 months of this year was 41.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

### Below Average Crop of Maple Sirup

Production of maple sirup in 1960 is estimated at 1,253,000 gallons, about 5 percent above the 1959 production, but down 24 percent from the 1949-58 average of 1,646,000 gallons.

## CURRENT ESTIMATES

### Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, March 1960<sup>1</sup>

State	Livestock and products	Crops	Total
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
Maine .....	8,928	16,934	25,862
New Hampshire .....	4,314	1,109	5,423
Vermont .....	9,247	1,299	10,546
Massachusetts .....	9,154	4,608	13,762
Rhode Island .....	1,259	501	1,760
Connecticut .....	8,702	6,913	15,615
New York .....	48,871	17,759	66,630
New Jersey .....	14,403	5,873	20,276
Pennsylvania .....	50,736	18,442	69,178
Ohio .....	50,333	22,424	72,757
Indiana .....	57,594	17,626	75,220
Illinois .....	108,976	57,483	166,459
Michigan .....	34,409	17,342	51,751
Wisconsin .....	87,937	7,177	95,114
Minnesota .....	93,972	19,142	113,886
Iowa .....	162,954	33,651	196,605
Missouri .....	58,096	9,512	67,608
North Dakota .....	14,122	10,635	24,757
South Dakota .....	35,052	3,586	38,638
Nebraska .....	67,633	22,179	89,812
Kansas .....	57,522	9,908	67,430
Delaware .....	6,400	1,372	7,772
Maryland .....	16,592	3,083	19,675
Virginia .....	17,275	6,530	23,805
West Virginia .....	5,920	1,581	7,501
North Carolina .....	23,728	10,470	34,198
South Carolina .....	7,986	3,950	11,936
Georgia .....	32,970	7,178	40,148
Florida .....	18,237	49,115	67,352
Kentucky .....	21,287	4,112	25,399
Tennessee .....	17,535	4,623	22,158
Alabama .....	22,720	4,955	27,675
Mississippi .....	18,903	7,502	26,405
Arkansas .....	16,744	8,924	25,668
Louisiana .....	11,487	4,101	15,588
Oklahoma .....	29,354	3,553	32,907
Texas .....	77,249	18,460	95,709
Montana .....	11,590	6,304	17,894
Idaho .....	18,174	22,406	40,580
Wyoming .....	5,738	871	6,609
Colorado .....	30,103	9,104	39,207
New Mexico .....	7,001	5,310	12,311
Arizona .....	14,670	11,406	26,076
Utah .....	9,723	1,593	11,316
Nevada .....	4,497	694	5,191
Washington .....	17,087	14,803	31,890
Oregon .....	14,833	6,372	21,205
California .....	92,620	72,258	164,878
United States .....	1,554,637	595,505	2,150,142

<sup>1</sup> All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

## Cash Receipts from Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketings, United States<sup>1</sup>

	March 1960	April 1960
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>		
Total marketings and CCC loans <sup>2</sup> .....	<i>Mil. dol.</i> 2,140	<i>Mil. dol.</i> 2,200
Livestock and products .....	1,555	1,500
Meat animals .....	893	
Dairy products .....	406	
Poultry and eggs .....	237	
Other .....	19	
Crops .....	585	700
Food grains .....	43	
Feed crops .....	180	
Cotton (lint and seed) .....	29	
Oil-bearing crops .....	34	
Tobacco .....	11	
Vegetables .....	121	
Fruits and tree nuts .....	62	
Other .....	105	
Government payments .....	19	
Grand total .....	2,159	
	1947-49 = 100	
<b>VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:</b>		
All commodities .....	98	94
Livestock and products .....	130	129
Crops .....	55	47

<sup>1</sup> For comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. <sup>2</sup> Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

### Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-food Products

Year and month	Retail cost <sup>1</sup>	Farm value <sup>2</sup>	Farm-retail spread	Farmer's share
1959 average .....	1,040	399	641	38%
1959 March .....	1,036	407	629	39%
1960 February .....	1,028	393	635	38%
1960 March .....	1,032	412	620	40%

<sup>1</sup> Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per urban wage-earner and clerical-worker family in 1952, calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

### Fewer Spring Vegetables and Melons

Production of spring vegetables and melons in 1960 is expected to be 5 percent below last year and average--smaller crops of tomatoes, lettuce, cantaloups, cabbage and broccoli, partly offset by increases in such important crops as water-melons, snap beans, celery, sweet corn and cauliflower.

### More Cattle on Feed in 2-State Area

Cattle and calves on feed for market in California and Arizona May 1 totaled 729,000 head, 4 percent more than a month earlier.

### Farm Employment Down 3 Percent

A total of 7.1 million persons were at work on farms in late April, down 3 percent from a year earlier; 5.5 million were farm operators and other family workers; 1.6 million were hired workers. The hired were down only 1 percent from a year ago.

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